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Group Art Unit: 2186

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Examiner: Matthew D. ANDERSON

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For: MICROCOMPUTER PROVIDED WITH FLASH MEMORY AND METHOD OF
STORING PROGRAM INTO FLASH MEMORY

RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 20, 2003 COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the November 20, 2003 Communication from the Examiner alleging that Applicant's Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c), please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 30-39 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner asserts that the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) dated September, 8, 2003 failed to clearly point out why claims 30-39 are considered patentable in view of the prior art of record. In response thereto, Applicant submits that claim 30-39 are patentable over the art of record for at least the following exemplary reasons.